

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as-fol lows.

Claim 1. (currently amended) A ~~roller processing~~ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure in which a powdered electrode active substance is adhered to ~~the~~ a current collecting ~~member~~ material, comprising a pair of work rolls ~~sandwiching and~~ and pressing the electrode structure therebetween, at least a pair of backup rolls generating a pressing force onto ~~the~~ respective each work roll, a pressuring device pressing at least one of said backup ~~roll~~ rolls toward the work roll side, and a drive unit rotating said work rolls.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The ~~roller processing/~~ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 1, wherein the diameter of said backup roll is larger than the diameter of said work roll.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The ~~roller processing/~~ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 1, wherein said backup roll has an elastic material coated on its surface.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The ~~roller processing/~~ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 1, which further comprises a work roll housing having an axle receive of said work roll inside and a housing having an axle receive of ~~the~~ respective each roll inside,

wherein a spacer is positioned between the respective housings.

Claim 5. (currently amended) ~~A roller processing/ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing~~ an electrode structure in which a powdered electrode active substance is adhered to the current collecting ~~member~~ material, comprising ~~one~~ a first work roll and ~~the other~~ a second work roll having an electrode structure ~~inbetween~~ therebetween, a backup roll generating a pressing force onto the surface of the other work roll, and a pressure device pressing the backup roll toward the work roll side, and a drive unit rotating the work roll.

Claim 6. (currently amended) ~~The roller processing/ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing~~ an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 5, wherein the diameter of said backup roll is larger than the diameter of said work roll.

Claim 7. (currently amended) ~~The roller processing/ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing~~ an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 5, wherein said backup roll has an elastic material coated on its surface.

Claim 8. (currently amended) ~~The roller processing/ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing~~ an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 5, which further comprises a work roll housing having an axle receive of said work roll inside and a housing having an axle receive of ~~the respective~~ each respective roll inside, wherein a spacer is positioned between the respective housings.

Claims 9-12 (previously withdrawn).